

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB760

House of Origin    \_\_\_ Introduced      X   Substitute    \_\_\_ Engrossed  
Second House       \_\_\_ In Committee    \_\_\_ Substitute    \_\_\_ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Stolle

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:**         **Department of Veterans Services; Veterans Skills Database.**

**5. Summary:** This bill establishes the Veterans Skills Database, an Internet-accessible database of veterans and their workforce skills, for the purpose of marketing and promoting the workforce skills of veterans to potential employers. The database will be free to both veterans and employers. The substitute version of this bill names the Virginia Employment Commission as the state agency responsible for management of this database.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill requires the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC), in cooperation with the Department of Veterans Services and the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, to establish a Veterans Skills Database.

According to VEC, the agency already has a labor exchange system that currently collect all relevant job skills data, including which employees are veterans. However, the current system does not allow employers to search only for veterans as this bill mandates. VEC states that they would be willing and able to work with the system vendor to develop an enhancement that would provide employers the capability to search for job candidates based on their veteran status. The agency states that this enhancement would not require the expenditure of any state general fund dollars.

The Department of Veterans Services does not anticipate a fiscal impact resulting from this bill.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Employment Commission, Department of Veterans Services, Secretary of Commerce and Trade.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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